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makes convincing case for need of such measure and handles issue carefully.

As far as his personal attitude toward nuclear weapons concerned, seems likely Chancellor believes following:

1) He recognizes nuclear weapons are factor of national power and that German army will not be significant force unless equipped with them;

2) If only for prestige reasons, he does not relish prospect neighboring Western countries possessing such weapons if Fed Rep does not have them;

3) Recognizing inevitability decreased ground forces, he believes additional nuclear capability is only way NATO can counterbalance Russian technical progress and superiority in manpower.

We surmise Chancellor personally would be satisfied if German army equipped with nuclear weapons under US custody and control.

[redacted] Chancellor remains firm in his European outlook, his devotion to peace, his dedication to building new and democratic Germany with future based on role in united Europe

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British toward Germans, and latter conscious of this.

However difficult relationship with UK may be, it will continue necessary for Fed Govt to preserve Western solidarity and for this reason it will continue to seek amicable relationships with British.

German-French Relations. In direct contrast with German-British relationship, was continued strengthening ties between Germany and France. Latter two found moderately satisfactory compromises for their differences with respect to EURATOM and Common Market, and worked hand in glove in diplomatic field. For example, Foreign Office and Quai d'Orsay consulted and adopted parallel line on such matters as British troop cuts and Working Group on Reunification. As noted earlier, start has also been made toward German-French cooperation in weapons research and development.

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In contrast, motivation of Chancellor, as leader of prevailing German thought, is that of sincere European who regards Western integration as most desirable course for Germany. Future of Franco-German relationship will be gravely affected by policies of Adenauer's successors.

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